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FOREIGN CONSULTANTS IN TEXTILE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Textile Ministry is set to hire foreign consultants to help, train manpower and to step up productivity in the labour-intensive textile and clothing sector;

(b) if so, details of the agencies engaged in the task;

(c) whether due to lack of skilled manpower, Indian textile and apparel products are not of international quality; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of these products?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b) At present there is no proposal with the Government to hire foreign consultants to help, train manpower and step up productivity in the labour-intensive textile and clothing sector.

(c) & (d) The improvement in quality is an on-going process and various schemes have been launched to develop products of international quality through design innovation, quality improvement, and product diversification. Some of the important schemes being implemented in this regard are Schemes for Integrated Textile Park (SITP), Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme(TUFS), Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC). In addition, National Institute for Fashion Technology (NIFT), its seven branches and Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) are running various courses/programmes to meet skilled manpower requirements of textile industry especially apparel in the field of design, merchandising and marketing.